for their use. It is better, Government decide one way or the other, either give the site to the Y. M. C. A. or issue debenture loans for raising the money.

Dewan.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 260.

A Railway Line from Bangalore to Hosur.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Anekal Taluk.

At present, there is no link for about 30 miles between the Kolar Light Railways and Hosur-Morapur Light Railways. This will be supplied if there is a line between Bangalore and Hosur *via* Anekal. This line will be a paying line. This should be taken up by the District Board, of course under Government orders. The difficulty is that, now that the Gevernment have floated 6½ per cent loans, we are unable to get loans at 6 per cent. We are prepared to pay the Railway Cess, but Government should raise the amount necessary for the line and get it accomplished.

Second Member of Council.—The present policy is that main lines should be undertaken by Government and feeder lines by District Boards. Until the District Board comes forward with money, we can do nothing. With regard to the direct Bangalore-Hosur line, we have to act with two other Railway authorities. They do not agree with each other and with us. The matter is still under correspondence.

SUBJECT No. 261.

Housing the poor.

Messrs. B. V. Krishna Iyengar and S. K. Narasimhaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.

Mr. S. K. Narasimhaiya.—The Bangalore Municipality have at present sanctioned the building of 70 houses. The question of housing the poor is an important matter at the present juncture and it is quite necessary that Government should grant at least a lakh of rupees in the first instance to enable the Municipality to cope with the problem.

Dewan.—After you have exhausted your present resources, we shall consider the matter.

Mr. Narasimhaiya.—This is an all absorbing problem to the Municipality at the present time. In the Mill Road, for instance, as many as 30 to 40 people live in one house. This sort of congestion must be removed if public health should be promoted. These are veritiable breeding houses for plague and other epidemics.

Mr. Gopalswamy Iyer.—We have arranged at present to build 70 houses at our own expense. We know that the problem of housing the poor should be tackled by the Municipality itself but if Government gives us one lakh of rupees, we can help the people better by providing Sanitary houses. Poor people